

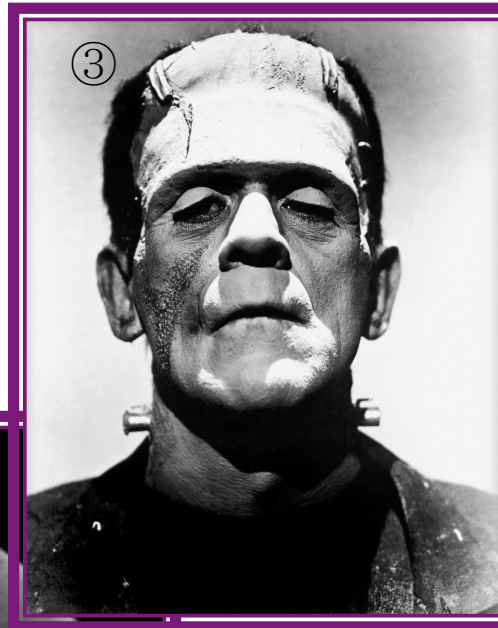
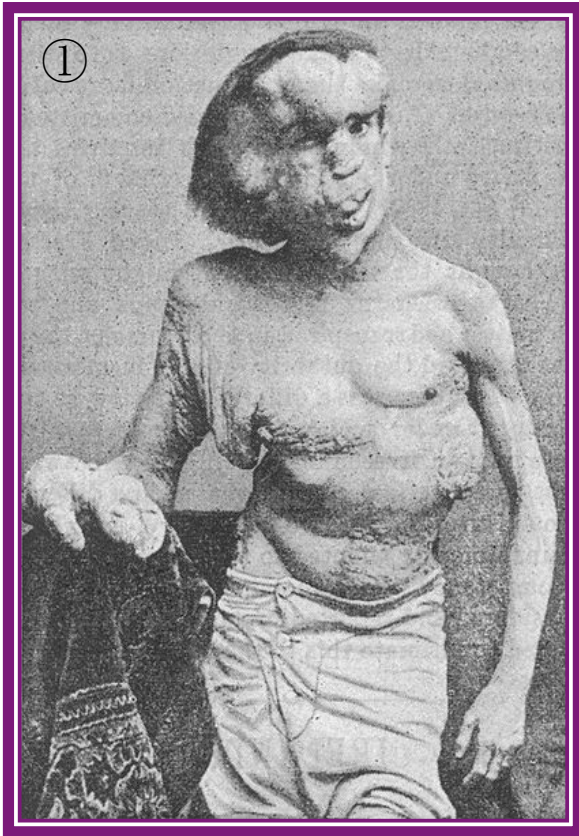
The Phantom of the Opera

“Good and ugly”

④. Match the famous “monsters” with their pictures.

One of them really existed. Which one?

- A. **The Monster of Dr. Frankenstein.** He was created by a scientist from pieces of dead bodies. At first, he was good and only wanted to love and help others. However, his horrible appearance frightened people and they treated him badly. In the end, he became bad. Picture 3
- B. **The Elephant Man.** When he was born, he was normal. But after he became ill at five, his body began to change into a horrible shape. He became an attraction in travelling shows. Sometimes he was treated very badly. Fortunately, a doctor began to take care of him. Later in life he became a celebrity. He was even friends with Queen Victoria. Picture 1
- C. **Quasimodo.** He was born deformed and ugly. He was abandoned on the steps of a great church. People always made fun of him. He later fell in love with a beautiful young woman. She loved another who was obviously, very handsome. But Quasimodo helped her anyways. Picture 2



The Elephant Man really existed, his real name was Joseph Merrick. He was 18 months when his body started to experience deformations. On the morning of April 11, 1890, at the age of 27, Joseph Carey Merrick was found dead in his bed. Treves, upon examination, concluded that he died of suffocation while falling asleep. Merrick's head was huge, and only with effort he managed to hold it upright. Its inordinate weight and size prevented Merrick from sleeping lying down, always forcing him to do so sitting down and in a special position; otherwise, the deformities compressed her windpipe and severely made it difficult for her to breathe. However, currently, after more detailed analysis of his skeleton, rather than by suffocation, it is estimated as the most probable cause of his death that his head suddenly tilted due to his disproportionate weight and the neck was injured.

Erik, just like the three “monsters” above suffered because of his horrible appearance. What about you? How important is a person's physical appearance? Talk about this with your partner, and then present your ideas to the class. Use these questions to help you.

- 1. Do you want your boyfriend or girlfriend to be attractive?
 - a. I think that beauty is very objective, but we cannot deny that the first thing we look at a person is the physical, because we do not know it. So my boyfriend or girlfriend may**

be very attractive to me but not to someone else. So I would rather he had good values than he was the most attractive person on the planet.

2. How important are the clothes a person wears?

a. A clothing brand doesn't define what a person is like, so I don't think it's very important either.

3. Do you want your friends to be attractive?

a. No really

4. How do you react to a person who has a serious physical disability?

a. It may surprise me, but the most important question is. Don't you think that person has already seen himself as he is? It is not necessary to judge her because surely at some point in her life she must have passed it by me.

5. How do you think most people in your school react?

a. I think that most people in my institute could react well, but others would surely laugh at her